

Dear Bill,

2/26/96

Thanks for the bound and more legible printout of what is for from the entire manuscript of Case Open! I doubt if it is a quarter of what I wrote! I was to have gotten the whole thing on the diskette and printed out. They just did not keep their word. The whole thing exists only in the form of the rough draft. That fills a file box, just about. It was a big manuscript. I do not remember enough of it to recall what is in the chapters by title or the titles of the chapters not included in this. So I can only wonder how much good it will do Hal.

This morning I sent your daughter what I said I would, priority, along with a rarity, the original paperback of Oswald in New Orleans. I thought Lil had one hidden somewhere and she did.

Yesterday was not a good day. I was not only confused in what I wrote you and hopefully corrected comprehensibly, I also omitted what should have been in the Priority package. When I saw that, as you should know before you get this, I sent it regular mail.

In writing Case Open I tried to have it build so that the farther the reader would get into it the more there would be to keep him going. This appears to be some of the beginning of it.

What this cannot include is the official evidence I put together that proved that Oswald was not and to the Commission's knowledge could not have been at that sixth-floor window to fire any shots. Plus more on the impossibility of that.

Of course I'm disappointed they did not keep their word on getting the entire rough draft retyped but there is nothing I can do about it. or could have then.

If I did not tell you, Lil has decided to have the hip replacement after the end of the tax season. I look forward to the benefit that can be if not to being a bachelor for some time. Everyone I know who had that operation says it was wonderful after the initial recovery. But then not everyone I know who had it was 84 when having it, which Lil will be. In a month and ten days I'll be 83 and ten days after that she'll be 84.

Come to think of it, I know there was more than that on a diskette because what was printed out double-spaced that I saw and may have was incomplete, 792 pages.

Charles did a nice-looking job. Please thank him. Sorry it is not more useful than I think this will be.

Best,

Harold